# Registration Clark Fork River Basin Roundtable May 6, 2009

The University of Montana University Center Theater

Convened by:

The Clark Fork River Basin Task Force
The University of Montana
Department of Geography
The Montana Department of Natural
Resources and Conservation

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To register, please mail your check with this completed form by April 29, 2009 to:

### **Clark Fork River Basin Watershed Roundtable**

Department of Geography Old Journalism Bldg. 32 Campus Drive University of Montana Missoula, MT 59812

Thank You!

### Why attend this conference?

The conference will convene all of the watershed groups and other entities working on water related issues in the Clark Fork River basin.

### Conference objectives

- Share information about current water management activities and research as well as plans in the basin.
- Identify common issues and concerns and next steps for addressing them.
- Identify opportunities for greater collaboration between the organizations

### Who should attend?

Representatives of watershed organizations working in the Clark Fork River basin, including:

- Watershed groups and councils
- Conservation district supervisors and staff
- Irrigation district officials
- County commissioners and planners
- City officials and planners
- Tribal government officials and staff
- Water-related nongovernmental organizations



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**Department of Geography** 



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### May 6 Conference Agenda

### 8:30 am - Registration

**9:00** am - Welcome and Introduction, DNRC Director Mary Sexton (invited). Director Sexton will discuss the role of watershed groups in state water management planning and related topics.

**9:15 am - Roundtable Overview -** David Shively, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, University of Montana.

**9:30 am - Clark Fork River Basin Task Force** - Gerald Mueller, Task Force Facilitator, will introduce the Task Force, the basin water management plan, and the ongoing Task Force activities.

**10:00 am - Subbasin Working Groups -** The participants will break into subbasin groups, one each for the upper Clark Fork, Blackfoot, Bitterroot, Flathead, and lower Clark Fork subbasins. Each group will discuss:

- Who is doing what, i.e., what watershed planning, restoration and other water management related activities are underway?
- What issues and concerns exist in the watershed? What are the most pressing concerns?

Noon - Lunch, Lunch will be provided.

1:00 pm - Subbasin Working Groups Continued.

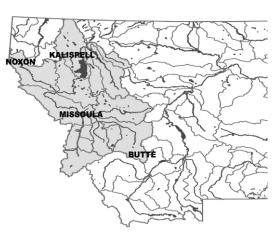
2:00 pm - Break

**2:15pm - Plenary Session -** The meeting participants will reconvene, share and discuss subbasin summary presentations.

**3:15 PM, State and Federal Watershed Funding** - State and federal funding opportunities for watershed groups and activities will be summarized.

3:30 pm - Roundtable Action Items/Next Steps - Ann Schwend, DNRC Water Planner, will lead a discussion of what should be done next, opportunities for continued collaboration, and who is responsible for the action items identified.

4:00 pm, Adjourn



Clark Fork River Basin

#### **Clark Fork Task Force**

The Task Force is a statutorily created basin water management group charged first with developing and then with implementing a water management plan for the Clark Fork River Basin in Montana. Members of the Task Force include:

- George Culpepper, Jr., Building industry in the Flathead Valley and Lake County
- Jim Dinsmore, Granite Conservation District and Upper Clark Fork River Basin Steering Committee
- Jim Elliott, Lower Clark Fork watershed
- Holly Franz, PPL Montana
- Bill Gardner, Montana Water Well Drillers Association
- Harvey Hackett, Bitter Root Water Forum
- Nate Hall, Avista
- Arvid Hiller, Mountain Water Company
- Steve Hughes, Flathead Irrigation District Joint Board of Control
- Fred Lurie, Blackfoot River Watershed
- Caryn Miske, Flathead Basin Commission
- Gail Patton, Sanders County Commissioner
- Brianna Randall, Conservation/environmental organizations
- Marc Spratt, Flathead Conservation District
- Ted Williams, Flathead Lakers

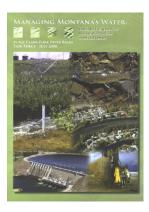
Ex Officio Members include:

• Sen. Verdell Jackson, Senate District 5

## Clark Fork Task Force Publications Provided to Roundtable Registrants



Clark Fork Basin Water Management Plan



Managing Montana's Water: Challenges Facing the Prior Appropriation Doctrine in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century